

## Amendments to the Claims:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1.-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended). A tote for carrying and transporting bottles, comprising:  
a front panel defining a right side, a left side, a bottom, and a top terminal edge;  
a rear panel defining a right side, a left side, a bottom, and a terminal edge, the  
rear panel being secured to the front panel by one of stitching, adhering, welding and  
stapling along at least the right side, the left side and the bottom terminal edges, the front  
and rear panels defining a pocket there between, the top terminal edges of said front and  
rear panels being arcuate, said top terminal edges defining a tote opening communicating  
with the tote pocket, at least one of the front and rear panels including an aperture formed  
therein, the front and rear panels having a thickness of between about 3 mm to about 5  
mm and being fabricated of neoprene, the neoprene being sandwiched between layers of  
stretch nylon; the tote having a substantially flattened condition when no bottle is  
disposed in the pocket with bottom terminal edges of the front and rear panels being  
arcuate when the tote is in said flattened condition, insertion of a bottle at least partially  
into the tote opening flattening the arcuate bottom terminal edges, the front panel and the  
rear panel being secured to one another along a contact line positioned between the right  
side terminal edges and the left side terminal edges and dividing the pocket into a first  
pocket and a second pocket, bottom terminal edges of each of the front and rear panels  
being scalloped, wherein a first lobe of the bottom terminal edge is operatively associated  
with the first pocket, and a second lobe of the bottom terminal edge is operatively  
associated with the second pocket, the tote according to claim 12, further comprising:  
a third panel defining a right side, a left side, a bottom, and a top terminal edge; wherein  
the right side terminal edge of the front panel is secured to the left side terminal edge of  
the rear panel, and a portion of the bottom terminal edge of the front panel is secured to  
the bottom terminal edge of the rear panel; wherein the right side terminal edge of the  
rear panel is secured to the left side terminal edge of the third panels, and a portion of the

bottom terminal edge of the rear panel is secured to a portion of the bottom terminal edge of the third panel; and wherein the right side terminal edge of the third panel is secured to the left side terminal edge of the front panel, and a portion of the bottom terminal edge of the third panel is secured to a portion of the bottom terminal edge of the front panel.

14 (original). The tote according to claim 13, wherein the front, rear and third panels are secured to one another along a contact line substantially centrally located between the right and left side terminal edges of each of the front, the rear and the third panels.

15.-16 (canceled).

17.-18. (canceled)

19 (currently amended). A tote for carrying and transporting a bottle or bottles, the tote comprising:

a front panel defining a perimetral edge, the front panel; and  
a rear panel defining a perimetral edge, the front panel being secured to the rear panel along at least a portion of the perimetral edge so as to define a pocket there between and an opening into the pocket, wherein the front and rear panels are fabricated from a neoprene laminated between two layers of stretch nylon. ~~The tote according to claim 18~~ wherein the front and rear panels are secured to one another along a contact line extending in a direction orthogonal to the opening, wherein the contact line divides the pocket into a first and a second pocket, wherein the terminal edge opposite the opening is scalloped such that each of the first and second pockets is in operative association with a lobe of the scalloped terminal edge.

20. (canceled)